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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. William Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Meetings  
IB Docket No. 97-95 & ET Docket No. 95-183 /  
RM-8811 & RM-8553

Dear Mr. Caton:


Earlier today, representatives of WinStar Communications, Inc. ("WinStar") met with David Horowitz, Lisa Higginbotham, Robert James, and Susan Magnotti of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the status of the above-referenced proceedings as they pertain to the 38.6-40.0 GHz band. Representatives of WinStar included Joseph M. Sandri, Jr., Barry Ohlson, Philip L. Verveer, and the undersigned.

In addition to its status inquires, WinStar reiterated its position that the Commission should release swiftly a Report and Order concerning the 38.6-40.0 GHz band. WinStar also pointed out, contrary to the contentions of certain commenters, the 38.6-40.0 GHz band was allocated in countries other than the United States for terrestrial wireless operations. Specifically, WinStar observed that Canada has allocated the 38.4-40.0 GHz band for a variety of terrestrial fixed service applications.

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As required by the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are being filed in each of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Finn", written in a cursive style.

Michael F. Finn

CC: David Horowitz  
Lisa Higginbotham  
Robert James  
Susan Magnotti